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Attached is a Response to the Office Action for patent application Serial Number 10/723,697 filed November 26, 2003, by inventor Marilyn V. Zager, for which a response is due May 21, 2005. This transmittal includes the following:

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTIONS REQUIREMENT

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This Restriction/Election response is being filed in reply to the Office Action mailed 21 April, 2005 to which a response was due on or before 21 May, 2005.

Election of Invention

1.00 *The Examiner holds that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct inventions:*

Group I: Claims 1-15, drawn to a composition comprising an organic fluid carrier and a capsaicinoids extract.

Group II: Claim 16, drawn to a method for heightened sensitivity and arousal comprising applying a glycerin carrier and a capsaicinoids extract.

1.10 The Examiner holds that applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed invention for prosecution on the merits.

1.20 Applicant's agent herein elects to prosecute Group I, claims 1-15, drawn to a composition comprising an organic fluid carrier and a capsaicinoids extract.

2.00 *The Examiner holds that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention: an organic fluid carrier; i.e., canola oil or lanolin.*

2.10 The Examiner holds that applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species of organic fluid carrier for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The Examiner holds that currently, claims 1-15 are generic. The Examiner holds that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added.

2.20 Applicant's agent herein elects to prosecute claims to species glycerin as the organic fluid carrier, claims 6, 9, and 12-15, drawn to a composition comprising the organic fluid carrier glycerin and a capsaicinoids extract.

Respectfully submitted,

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